

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent of the Governor to reaffirm the government-to-government relationship established in the Centennial Accord of August 4, 1989 with the federally recognized Indian tribes within the boundaries of Washington state; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington recognizes that there are 27 separate and distinct federally recognized sovereign tribal governments in Washington state and acknowledges that the tribes have an historical relationship with reserved rights defined by treaties with the United States government, federal statutes, and executive orders of the President; and

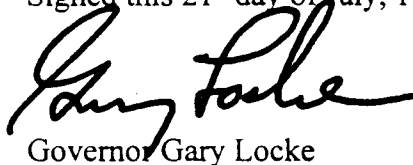
**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington seeks to strengthen the relationship with the federally recognized tribal governments to promote and enhance tribal self-sufficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington reaffirms the spirit and intent of the Centennial Accord and directs its agencies to develop policy consistent with the stated principles therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the state and federally recognized tribal governments respect the sovereignty of one another;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gary Locke, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim that the state of Washington accepts the fundamental principles and integrity of the government-to-government relationship between the state and the federally recognized Indian tribes within Washington state, and that the principles of the Centennial Accord shall guide Washington state's policy in relations with the federally recognized tribal governments.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1997,

  
Governor Gary Locke

